

November 21, 1950.

Dr. P. Fredericq,  
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Liege, Belgium.

Dear Dr. Fredericq:

I have your letter of November 15, asking for a note in support of your candidacy for the directorship of your institute. I should be pleased to support you in this position, to the extent that the obvious limitations permit. I hope that the enclosed letter will suit your needs.

My second letter must have crossed yours in the mails. In it, I asked whether you would be kind enough to send me 17 E. coli cultures representing the different colicin types, as well as a single sensitive, to each of them. My work with strain crosses now emphasizes the importance of colicin-producers as well as colicin-sensitives, so that I would like to ask an extended favor. I can only readily correlate the types of colicin-producers with yours by comparisons with resistant strains. I could obtain these myself as mutants by selecting with the different colicin producers, but it would save considerable effort if you could send me the different resistant strains with which you type the colicins. This is now quite a large request: at least 35 cultures. If you would prefer to ship these cultures by air express, rather than by mail, I will be glad to assume the charges (i.e., C.O.D. or collect on delivery).

Thank you for your troubles,

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,  
Associate Professor of Genetics